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Agenda Item #	6
Meeting Date	21 March 2005
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Discussion Item	Discussion of Recommendations Submitted by the Safe Roadways Committee
Background	<p>Members of the Safe Roadways Committee will present their recommendations for Council consideration for enhanced pedestrian safety along Philadelphia Avenue between Carroll and Takoma Avenues and on associated streets.</p> <p>As mentioned in the accompanying memorandum, the Piney Branch Elementary School (PBES) and its Parent Teacher Association (PTA) contacted the Safe Roadways Committee in November. The PBES and PTA expressed concern for the safety of its students and identified and requested certain improvements and the allocation of City resources to improve safety along walking routes to the Takoma Park Elementary, Piney Branch Elementary, and Takoma Park Middle School. They identified the need for additional sidewalks, improved crosswalks, greater enforcement of traffic and parking laws, and improved signage. Similar concerns have been expressed by members of the Old Takoma Residents Association (OTRA).</p> <p>The Safe Roadways Committee prepared a listing of recommendations for Council consideration which it believes will address the concerns raised by the schools and the neighborhood association.</p>
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to shops, transit, schools, and other community facilities by improving pedestrian safety and providing wide, tree-lined sidewalks throughout the area. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Master Plan</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	Will vary depending upon the specific recommendation and ultimate direction from Council
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Roadways Committee Memorandum to Council dated February 1, 2005 Correspondence from Benetta McDuffie, PBES PTA President, and Lee Meiners, PBES Principal, to City Manager Barbara Matthews dated November 11, 2004 Correspondence from City Manager Barbara Matthews to Ms. Benetta McDuffie, PBES PTA President, dated December 8, 2004
Recommendation	Staff recommends that the Council hear the presentation of the Safe Roadways Committee and direct staff to provide further analysis of the Committee's recommendations.

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